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THE 23rd Robotex Asian Festival was held in Shanghai last weekend, attracting more than 16,000 competitors from China, South Korea, India and other Asian countries.

Promoting the combination of sports and technology, Robotex is an annual robotics competition and festival that originated in Estonia. It has gained the unofficial title of being the biggest

robotics festival in the world.

With the mission of increasing interest in engineering and science among young people, Robotex held its Shanghai leg competition last October. More than 3,000 families participated.

This Robotex Asian Festival featured an increased scale with sessions of competitions, a science and technology carnival, workshops and international forum.

Despite their youth, the contestants

showed their enthusiasm and talent in the fields of robot construction and programming while competing in 18 items, including smart construction, animal rescue, tanks, and future creation.

To ensure professional level, the event invited more than 100 professional referees and instructors from Shanghai University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Donghua University

and Shanghai University of Engineering Science.

The two-day science and technology carnival showcased some of the latest and most cutting-edge scientific innovations, providing visitors with an opportunity to experience high-tech close up.

Invited international guests included Peter Vesterbacka, the inventor of the popular game Angry Birds.

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